

Huns Make Gains in Centre; Held at Flanks

German-Japanese Alliance Quite Unthinkable, Declares Ex-Japanese Foreign Minister

Viscount Kato Says Japan Entered War Because of Her Alliance with Britain—Is Personally Against Sending Troops to Siberia, as They Might Never Come in Contact with the Germans

LONDON, June 15.—Viscount Kato, former Japanese foreign minister, speaking as the leader of the opposition, in an interview with the *Times* of London, said that he was personally not in favor of invading Siberia.

"If Japan sent troops to Siberia, she would be fighting with the Germans and the result would be an enormous waste of money and effort, which would be of no good."

He said that he was the foreign minister at the outbreak of the war, and that he was in the ship of the United States as far as possible from Japan, which was not the case of Japan, which I consider it is not possible. In any case, the government's foreign policy in secret session.

Viscount Kato declared he had complete confidence in the final victory of the Allies, but believed the end of the war was not in sight.

America's Commerce Fleet in 1920 to be Biggest in World's History

SOUTHERN BEND, Ind., June 15.—America in 1920 will have a merchant marine of 25,000,000 dead weight tons. Chairman Harvey of the Shipping Board said that he was in an address giving the complete details of the shipbuilding and tonnage program which has not yet been made public. This great commerce fleet, he said, will be the largest ever assembled in the history of the world, and will be a factor which will serve humanity, loyalty and usefulness, and justice which brought about the establishment of the Republic.

C.N.R. TO SPEND \$2,000,000 ON IMPROVEMENTS

Battleford-Edmonton, Edson-Edmonton Lines Are to Be Ballasted

WINNIPEG, June 15.—The Canadian Northern Railway will spend in the next biennium of \$2,000,000 in improvements and renewals. The work will be done, however, according to an announcement made by the president of the company, who said he had been in touch with the lines of Fort Port Arthur and a number of other railroads in the north.

He said in council has been passed authorizing the company to proceed with the construction of a new line from the branch, which serves a well settled and growing community, to the north of the line of the north west of Gravelbourg, Saskatchewan, and to extend the line to Edmonton and from Edmonton to the Fort Saskatchewan bridge, and to round trails will be laid from Moose Jaw to the bridge.

SOCIALIST TURMOIL IN GERMAN HOUSE

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TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1918.

Helping the Hun.

The Bolsheviks are exchanging German prisoners of war in Russia who are in good health for Russian prisoners of war who have been broken down by their treatment in the German camps.

The other half of the arrangement is that Russia is to continue to support the German prisoners of war who are physically unfit for military service, while Germany keeps the Russian prisoners of war who are physically fit to work.

Short of making an open alliance with Germany, the Bolsheviks have left little to help the Allies and events suggest that the steers Russian affairs with a view to completing their infancy by making alliance with the Central Powers whenever they can bring it about.

Causes to Hesitate.

It took a short time that the government would resist to keep the parliamentary supporters of the Liberal party from voting down Sir Robert Borden's order that hereafter the King shall confer only such titles in Canada as Sir Robert may approve.

His hand-picked supporters, evidently wanted in enthralled for the time to come to nominate the Royal prerogative and make subservient to Sir Robert the price of being numbered among the gentry of Canada.

At the time the threat might not have been impressive, but for the implied prospect of a general election. Hand-picking the electors worked once, but that is no proof it could not be done successfully again.

The base ingratitude of man was no doubt received by Sir Robert Borden with much more than the usual amount of chagrin and contumely only kept from voting down his order by the threat of a general election. Albeit the records furnish ample justification for the charge that the government preferred to abolish titles altogether rather than be made responsible for the creation of future Lord Beaverbrooks.

Might Makes Right.

A. B. C. Corp., member for Westmoreland, put before parliament his bill to make it a criminal offence to deceive and intimidate soldiers voters and to manipulate soldiers' votes to the advantage of government candidates in the election held last December, and asked for the privilege of proving his charges before a judicial tribunal.

The parliamentary following of the government of the day voted down the request. That was to be expected. The theory that the Unionist party is composed of high-minded patriots who would not stoop to such trickery next to those of any but the capable of the function of unbiased judgment; and anyone who was taken in by the pretexts must be pretty easily cured by this formal refusal of the party to represent him in parliament.

It is to be expected that the refusal to do so is the Unionist party of the most wholesale and most callous political conspiracy ever attempted in Canada. If there was no conspiracy, why was it not exposed?

Ultimately, the effect is to establish conspiracy as a recognized, sanctioned and accepted func-

tion of public officials and elected workers.

If there was a conspiracy, the agents in it have the assurance that the beneficiaries will protect them to the limit. If there was no conspiracy, the result of investigation will be to public belief that there was, and will therefore have the same effect in scaring the public conscience and encouraging fraud and intimidation as election malpractice.

The defense offered to these charges was that as those in Canada who were allowed to vote voted for the government, the soldiers' votes were not of a matter of enough importance to call for enquiry.

It is to be said that, while this is the condition of confessed moral turpitude, at least it is frank and its significance plain. —Because the government handicapped the civil service, it was able to create a majority—it does not matter whether the soldiers' votes were stolen or not, there is no doubt whether the country is tending Mexico is governed on precisely the system of the Unionist party.

"Night makes right" is the main embodiment this formal parliamentary declaration of the principles of the Unionist party.

Regulating the "Spread."

A statement published of a few days ago comparing prices of foodstuffs at Edmonton, Winnipeg and Minneapolis showed that the spread between the producer and the consumer was consistently greater on this side of the line in cases twice as great. That Canada did not do greater harm to the consumer was a trifle, but the exemption is not to be supposed.

From any adverse or unfavorable statement, report or opinion concerning the cost of living in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland or any allied nation in proceeding the war.

With The Humorists

"Marx, I'm going to the war!"

"You mustn't go to war! You know Kate is too young to stay alone without me."

My wife is dead in the Club.

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And He Knew Here.

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Call the Call Flanders

Here you not that can from Flanders over every breed that blows?

Racing now combatants fees?

What a home at pleasure, dear?

